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1. WE FIND APPROACH TO DESIGNATION AND REVIEW OF SHORT-TERM  
MEASURES, AS INDICATED IN PO, COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY.

2. WE FIND APPROACH TO TASK OF DEVELOPMENT OF LONG-TERM  
DEFENSE PROGRAM, AS OUTLINED IN PO, GENERALLY SATISFACTORY  
AND AGREE WITH YOUR EXCELLENT ANALYSES AND PROPOSED  
ACTIONS OUTLINED IN REF D AND F. WE HOPE ALLIES WILL

ACCEPT OUR PROPOSED NINE PROGRAM AREAS, WHICH CONSTITUTE A CAREFULLY SELECTED LIST. HOWEVER, AS STATED PARA 4(A) REF B, IF SOME ALLIES WANT TO PROPOSE SUBSTITUTIONS FOR PARTICULAR PROGRAMS ON OUR LIST, WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THEIR ALTERNATIVES. ALSO, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS POINT MAKE DEMARCHES IN CAPITALS SUGGESTED IN REF C, BUT SHOULD HOLD THESE IN ABEYANCE FOR POSSIBLE LATER USE IF EXERCISE RUNS INTO MAJOR SNAGS.

3. NATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE PRODUCTION OF THE TASK FORCE REPORTS AS SOON AS REASONABLE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, TASK FORCE AUGMENTATION, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FAVORABLE NATIONAL ACTION ON THE FINAL PROGRAMS AND TO INFLUENCE NATIONAL FORWARD PLANNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE SEE CURRENT EXERCISE AS DIFFERING FROM PREVIOUS EXERCISES IN FOUR WAYS: IT IS LONGER-RANGE, IT IS BROADER IN SCOPE, IT IS FAR MORE PROGRAMMATIC, AND IT COVERS PROGRAMMING AND IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY AS WELL. LAST TWO POINTS REPRESENT OUR EFFORT TO INSTALL PROGRAMMING AT THE COALITION LEVEL, IN ADDITION TO PROGRAMMING ONLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, AS HERETOFORE HAS BEEN THE CASE.

4. WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A NATO INSTITUTIONAL WISH-LIST; WHAT WE HOPE FOR IN EACH AREA IS AN AGREED COALITION PROGRAM BASED ON A MIX OF NATIONAL PROGRAMS SUITABLY ADAPTED OR MODIFIED TO COALITION NEEDS AND COMMON PROGRAMS WHEREVER ESSENTIAL. AS SECDEF HAS SAID REPEATEDLY, WE SEE COMMON PROGRAM PACKAGES AS FACILITATING US BUYS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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EUROPEAN DESIGNS OR EQUIPMENT. IN ADDITION, WORK IN THE RATIONALIZATION TASK FORCE, WHICH INCLUDES STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY, SHOULD ALSO HELP DEVELOP A BETTER TRANS-ATLANTIC BALANCE IN THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AREA. THUS, THESE MEASURES CAN PLAY KEY ROLE IN PROMOTING TWO-WAY STREET. (IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE NOTED TENTATIVE FRENCH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN EQUIPMENT PORTIONS OF LONG-TERM DEFENSE PLAN (PARIS 16152 DTG 011713Z JUNE 77). WE BELIEVE WE DEFINITELY SHOULD INVOLVE FRENCH IF AND WHEN THEY COME TO US WITH MORE FORMAL POSITION ON THIS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR APPROACH AND THE MACHINERY SET UP TO HANDLE LONG AND SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS ARE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE FRENCH INVOLVEMENT.) WE DO NOT NECESSARILY REQUIRE ANY CHANGE IN THE PO APPROACH ON THIS POINT, SINCE PARA 7B CALLS FOR CONSULTATION, BUT IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT CLOSE LIAISON WITH PROGRAM COUNTRIES FROM THE START SHOULD IMMEASURABLY IMPROVE THE FINAL PRODUCT. YOU MAY SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ITSELF WORKING IN EACH OF THE TASK FORCE FIELDS AND

WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE RESULTS OF ITS STUDIES  
AVAILABLE, IN MOST CASES BY MID-SUMMER.

5. WE DO NOT BELIEVE TASK FORCE DIRECTORS NEED REPORT  
DIRECTLY TO THE MC, BUT SINCE THE MC SITS ON THE EWG, A  
REPORT TO THE EWG WILL ALSO BE A REPORT TO THE MC, WHICH  
LATTER MAY REVIEW SEPARATELY IF IT CHOOSES.

6. PARA 2 OF PO MUST INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL POINT AS  
FOLLOWS: QTE PROPOSE WHATEVER ADDED NATO PROGRAMMING AND  
  
IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY NECESSARY TO MEET THE GOALS. UNQTE.  
THIS KEEPS GETTING LOST.

7. WE ASSUME THAT PARA 6 OF PO, WHICH DESCRIBES  
CONSTITUTION OF EWG, DOES NOT CHANGE THE BASIC  
NATURE OF THE EWG, WHICH IS A COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL  
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REPRESENTATIVES AS MEMBERS, CHAIRED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY  
GENERAL, AND WITH REPRESENTATION FROM NMA'S AND IS.

8. YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT  
QTE COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS UNQTE INCLUDES  
TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS.

9. WE AGREE WITH LUNS' ALLOCATION OF TASK FORCE DIRECTORS.  
HOWEVER, IN CASE OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE YOU SHOULD CON-  
SIDER WHETHER TASK GROUP SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE NEWAC,  
WHICH IS MEETING THIS WEEK AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. WE  
WILL NEED EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS TO DO THIS WORK AND  
NEWAC IS IN BEST POSITION TO PROVIDE THEM. THE CHAIRMAN  
OF NEWAC COULD BE THE TASK GROUP LEADER.

10. YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION OF THE EARLY  
ENGAGEMENT OF NATO HEADQUARTERS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THESE TWO PROGRAMS, OF THE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT PUT INTO  
THE FIRST STEPS, AND OUR DETERMINATION TO GIVE THESE  
PROGRAMS THE NATIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THEIR SUCCESS.

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